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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

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This reference discloses that particles having the maximum particle size of 300 μm or smaller are adhered to the edge circumference of an optical member. If the particles do not have a specific gravity of 4.0 or lower even if having the maximum particle size of 300 μm or less, excess particles do not fall down when excess particles are desired to remove. As a result, excess particles fall down when fabricating a product, thereby there is the possibility of contaminating a cell. The present invention provides for a specific gravity of particles of 4.0 or lower.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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